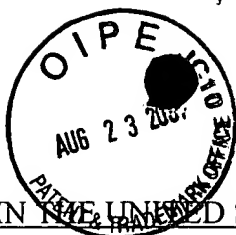


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TACKIFYING RESIN**

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AMENDMENT UNDER Rule 111

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of May 30, 2001. Examination and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by, or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as obvious over Alper. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

A. § 102(b) Rejection

As discussed in the previous response, Alper et al. is directed to hot melt adhesives for the construction of disposable soft goods. The adhesive compositions described therein are pressure sensitive in nature due to the inclusion of a plasticizing oil. The Alper disclosure employs more tackifying resin than polymer. It also discloses tackifying resins having softening temperatures of 60-140 °C. This is further exemplified

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